HERMAN DREW and wife, JOYCE DENISE DREW 103 Qual Run Court Clinton, Tennessee 37776	\$ 2020 NOV 19 PM 3: 27 \$ MILOK COUNTY SACRES \$ CIVIL SESSIONS \$ AND SEVEN MILE COURTS
Plaintiffs	§ §
v.	§ No. 1-371-20
WAL-MART, INC.	§ § JURY DEMANDED
Serve Agent: CT Corporation System 300 Montvue Road Knoxville, TN 37919-5546	§ § §
Defendant	§ §

COMPLAINT

Come plaintiffs, Herman Drew and Joyce Denise Drew, through counsel, and sue the defendant, Wal-Mart, Inc., (hereinafter Wal-Mart), and say:

- 1. Plaintiffs are citizens and residents of Anderson County, Tennessee, residing at the address captioned above.
- 2. Wal-Mart, Inc., is a foreign corporation doing business in the State of Tennessee located at Wal-Mart, 6777 Clinton Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912. Service of process is requested upon Wal-Mart through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, 300 Montvue Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919-5546.
- 3. This action arises out of a slip and fall accident which occurred in Knox County, Tennessee, on or about December 3, 2019, as result of the negligent acts and/or omissions on the part of defendant, Wal-Mart, which resulted in injuries to the plaintiff, Herman Drew.
- 4. On or about December 3, 2019, plaintiff, Herman Drew, avers that defendant, Wal-Mart, either owned or by lease agreement had a right of control and maintenance of the

Wal-Mart store located at 6777 Clinton Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912. On said date, plaintiff, Herman Drew, was shopping at said Wal-Mart store when he slipped and fell over a ladder that was left in the aisle of a shopping area. As a result of the ladder being left unattended in the shopping aisle at Wal-Mart, the plaintiff, Herman Drew, fell landing on his right shoulder sustaining significant injury.

- 5. Plaintiffs, Herman Drew and Joyce Denise Drew, aver that the defendant, Wal-Mart, knew or should have known of the danger presented by the unattended ladder sitting in a shopping aisle and yet had negligently neither corrected the situation or warned of the ladder in the aisle prior to the plaintiff, Herman Drew's, fall. Plaintiffs further aver that the defendant, Wal-Mart, owed a duty of reasonable care to know and either warn of the ladder sitting in the aisle that caused plaintiff, Herman Drew, to fall and sustain injury. Wal-Mart's breach of these duties was negligence and the cause of plaintiff, Herman Drew's, fall and injury.
- 6. As a result of falling over the ladder, plaintiff, Herman Drew, fell landing on his right shoulder sustaining significant injury causing him to undergo surgery.
- 7. As a result of his injuries and the treatment thereof, plaintiffs have incurred significant medical bills, and plaintiff, Herman Drew, has suffered great pain, has undergone and continues to undergo rehabilitation of his right arm and shoulder, and plaintiffs aver that Herman Drew's injuries are permanent in nature to an extent as yet undetermined. Plaintiff, Herman Drew, further avers that he has been deprived of enjoying the riches of life as a result of his injuries.
- 8. As a result of the injuries to her husband, co-plaintiff, Joyce Denise Drew, has been deprived of her husband's valuable services, society, and consortium. Co-plaintiff, Joyce Denise Drew, is financially obligated for her husband's medical bills incurred as a result of the slip and fall at Wal-Mart which is the subject of this lawsuit.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Herman Drew, requests a judgment against the defendant in a sum to be determined by a jury not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00), and plaintiff requests a jury to try this action; and plaintiff, Joyce Denise Drew, requests a judgment against the defendant in a sum to be determined by a jury not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00), and plaintiff requests a jury to try this action; and both plaintiffs request a jury to try this action.

Respectfully submitted:

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COST BOND

We, HERMAN DREW and JOYCE DENISE DREW, as Principals, and PRYOR, PRIEST, HARBER, FLOYD & COFFEY, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Circuit Court for Knox County, Tennessee, for the payment of all costs awarded against the principals. To that end, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators.

The Principals are commencing a legal proceeding in the Circuit Court for Knox County, Tennessee. If the Principals shall pay all costs which are adjudged against them, then this obligation is void. If the Principals fail to pay, then the surety shall undertake to pay all costs adjudged against the Principals Mandated at <u>T.C.A.</u> § 20-12-120, et seq.

Herman Drew 103 Quail Run Court Clinton, Tennessee 37776

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